

against the team department, he took it for granted that he was what it cost to keep two horses, and so, of course, enormous, that it is passing strange that he did not see the subject. It is clear he did not comprehend the subject. It is not the simple boarding of two horses for fifty-two weeks, but the keeping and maintaining of two horses with all the necessary on the, including loss and depreciation of the team. The charge of the Prison, the team department was completely run out, and in order to transact the necessary business—which in addition to the trucking requires great deal of riding, especially in the winter months—there—a heavy expense was incurred during the year. Amounting to one thousand four hundred eighty dollars and twenty-one cents. At the close of the year, the stock on hand amounted to eight hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty cents, which with twenty-one dollars and fifty cents for the work done individuals, left a balance of six hundred eighty-six dollars and nine cents. In this balance is included the depreciation of stock, or what the appraisal fell short of cost; for example, a hay for eight dollars; keeping of a cow, trucking and other expenses, amounting to worth of stock sold, and credited by mistake to wheelwright department; and one hundred and sixty-two bushels of meal account to team, and one hundred and twenty dollars account to team, all to five hundred thirty-three dollars and fifty cents, leaving as the cost of keeping the team, and hay and provender for company, one

The balance against the team department in 1858 was stated in the tables accompanying the Warden's report to be seven hundred and sixty-three dollars. In this balance there was an omission of sixty dollars for hay, and another of thirty dollars for hogging and burning a half bushels of meal, at eighty-five cents per bushel, which when deducted, left the balance, five hundred thirty-seven dollars and eighty-eight cents. The hogging and burning, when deducted the depreciation of a horse, keeping a cow, shoeing horses, filling beds, loss on a horse proving lame, there remains the sum of three hundred and thirty-eight dollars and eighty-eight cents as the cost of keeping two horses, including hay and provender for company.

The Commissioner states: "The expenditure for hay and provender in 1858 is more than fifty per cent greater than in 1857, and the cost of food from seven hundred thirty-two dollars and thirty-two cents to twelve hundred twenty-one dollars and ninety cents, without any reason being given for the increase. It is the duty of the Commissioner while in the performance of his duty ask the reason why there had been an increase?"

It is singular that Mr. Blaine did not perceive the error in the tables accompanying the report of 1858 over 1857. I took charge of the Prison February 11, 1857. The period from January 1, to February 11, is not included in 1857, al-

Another cause of increase in expense, is the increase in the number of convicts from eight-seventeen to one hundred and twenty-eight, which required the hiring up of additional shops, waxes, the house, the kitchen, the wash-house, stoves, lighted up, and a night watch employed to guard the prisoners that were crowded into the hospital building for want of other accommodation. The cost of the hospital building and its location: a lot of wood was purchased and used in 1857, to the amount of eighty-five dollars and sixty-nine cents, but was not settled for till 1858, when it was paid for in full. The amount of one hundred twenty-one dollars and ninety cents, it leaves eleven hundred thirty-six dollars and twenty-one cents, and shows the actual expense of the hospital to be eight hundred sixty-eight dollars and one cent.

The Commissioner in his report comments in severe terms upon the cost of keeping the prisoners in the hospital, and says, "I have not said, but few words to say on the subject, as I wish to be as brief as possible. When I took charge of the Prison in 1857, there was but a scanty supply of food, and the prisoners were not well nearly eleven thousand dollars. Some of the demands had been standing for years, and its credit, was consequently at a low ebb. With the money, with an impaid bill of \$100,000 a prison at the mouth of navigation and for miles from a railroad," in the dead of win-

necessary to purchase provision, clothing and other necessities on the best possible terms.—The prisoners were not allowed to purchase manufactured articles, but of an unsaleable character. A portion of the convicts were engaged in quarrying stone, and in manufacturing for the market. The prisoners were not allowed necessary to go into the market and barter off the goods on hand, in small lots, making the best trade I could, purchasing not at wholesale, but at retail prices. The prices of the necessities of provisions ranged during the year 1857. It can readily be seen in what a disadvantageous position I was placed, as regards an economical management of the Prison.

I think it will not admit of a reflecting man, nor extravagant, that it should cost twenty cents per day to each convict, especially when they are required to make the best of their custom up to \$30, and when by law, a portion of the Warden's salary was drawn from the subsistence department—the Warden paying fifty dollars for the swill, which was really wasted.

There are other omissions and mistakes in the late Commissioner's report that are calculated to mislead the public mind, but I forbear to make further comments.

It is to be remembered that I have been forced to make on this subject, were not from any love of controversy or bitterness of feelings towards

I do not wish the public to infer that the Commissioners of the Prison have been furnished with reliable information, or that the results of his investigations may not be profitable to the State. I have never doubted that it was hate, not malice or revenge, that led Mr. Blaine to commit the error. I have referred to, and I doubt not he will be pleased as any other gentleman to see them corrected.

During the present year, the Commissioners have had the benefit of the favorable results of 1859, have visited the Prison from time to time and have proceeded to make such changes in the management of the Prison as they have deemed expedient. The result they have taken will be made public by their report.

In closing, I would again thank my grateful acknowledgments to all the officers connected with the Prison, for the faithful and prompt discharge of every duty they have been called to perform.

THOMAS W. HIX, *Warden.*

Is TOBACCO POISONOUS.—Some five years since, a gentleman in Philadelphia, at the head of one of the most extensive and wealthy banking houses in the country, died of a violent attack of cholera. He was an inveterate smoker, and seldom was without a cigar in his mouth, even during business hours. He died in the full vigor of his

led to the use of a "cigar," lighted at the tip, and permitted to burn under the tongue. This was pursued for many years, and it resulted in impregnating the glands beneath the tongue which terminated in cancerous ulcerations. At first it was not regarded with any anxiety, but inflammation was an attendant on the use of the "cigar" because of the heat. The roots of the tongue ulcerated, and the throat sympathized with them, until it was almost impossible to swallow or breathe. The only nourishment taken for some months previous to his death, was of a liquid character; even that at last could not be received, and the men and inflamed with the disease. Death from starvation and suffocation finally closed the scene, the victim being otherwise in perfect health, except greatly emaciated.











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